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Office of General Counsel

Definition of living-quarters and cost-of-living allowances in agent contracts

1. Pursuant to an oral request made at a meeting of CFD certifying officers, held 23 May 1951, the following is an interpretation of the provision quoted below as applicable to Contract Agents:

"Effective upon your arrival at your permanent post of duty overseas, you will be entitled to living-quarters and cost-of-living allowances in conformance with, and at the maximum rates prescribed in, the Standardized Government Civilian Allowance Regulations. No accounting shall be required for payments made under this paragraph."

a. The Agent is authorized to receive a temporary quarters allowance when claimed and appropriate facts are presented which would make the Agent eligible for this allowance.

b. The Agent, upon presentation of facts establishing his eligibility, is entitled to maximum quarters allowance without furnishing an accounting as to the cost of quarters.

c. The Agent, upon presentation of facts establishing his eligibility, is entitled to any of the four allowances included in the generic term "cost-of-living allowances" namely: "post allowances," "special post allowances," transfer allowances," and "separation allowances." [redacted]

d. The language "no accounting shall be required" should not be construed to relieve the Agent of filing a claim for any allowance and establishing his eligibility to receive such allowance.

2. The term "quarters allowance" used in some agents' contracts is to be construed as including only quarters allowance and not "temporary lodging allowance."

3. The term "living-quarters allowance" is to be construed as including both "temporary lodging allowance" and "quarters allowance."

4. For the distinction between "post allowance" and "cost-of-living allowance" reference should be made to 2.c. above.

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